

Newsletter

Friday 20th December 2024



Dear parents, pupils, governors, staff and parishioners,

What a wonderful last week of term!

The pupils in Key Stage 2 led us all in a beautiful Advent Carol Service on Monday evening which was very special as we reflected on 'The True Meaning of Christmas' – thank you to everyone who joined us!

The remainder of the week has been filled with lots of festive activities, parties, visits from Santa, trips and still lots of wonderful learning. It was lovely to welcome so many family members into our remaining Advent Inspire sessions with each class too.

We had our fun Christmas singalong this morning which included special guests, games, singing, dancing and seeing which staff members were on Santa's naughty or nice list!

It has been such a successful term for many reasons: the learning has been excellent and exciting; we have enjoyed lots of sporting opportunities, marvellous music making and some lovely trips; the Christmas performances and opportunities for spiritual development have been joyous and very special too.

Children – you have all been shining stars this term and you make coming to work a joy! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents for your support over the past term with attendance, uniform, behaviour, your child's learning and school events. I would also like to thank all the governors and our talented staff for all their hard work and genuine care as they endeavour every day to give every child at St Osburg's the best possible Catholic school experience!

I wish you all a lovely break and a very happy and holy Christmas. See you on Monday 6th January 2025.

Thank you so much for all of the family members who came to take part in KS1's Inspire Workshop
💜 #waiting



Blessing of the Bambinelli

This Advent every child in our school has made their own Bambinelli (Baby Jesus). We had these blessed at Mass yesterday morning for the children to take home today as a reminder to welcome Jesus into our hearts and homes this Christmas time. This was also the first time that Year 6 accompanied their Reception Prayer Buddies to church which was so lovely to see.



Christmas Family Mass at St Osburg's Church

Father Pontius and Father Sunday would love to see as many of our children and their families at church over Christmas and there is a special family Mass on Christmas Eve that you are all invited to:

- The First Mass of Christmas – Christmas Eve (Tuesday evening) at 5.00pm

Do come along and also see the special crib scene in church too – **remember Jesus is the reason for the Christmas season!**

KS2 are excited to watch Alice in Wonderland at the Albany Theatre 🎭



Key Stage Two Alice In Wonderland Experience

On Tuesday Key Stage two enjoyed a wonderful trip to Albany Theatre to watch a performance of Alice in Wonderland. This was the perfect ending to their three week unit of English work where all classes had been studying this classic story. It was lovely to see how much the children enjoyed seeing all the characters brought to life on stage.

Overall Attendance for this term: 95.4% 😊

Reminder – There are no after school activities on the first week of term

Year 5 will start swimming lessons at The Wave on Monday 13th January 2025.



First week back at a glance:

| Date | Time | Activity |
|-------------------------------------|---------|--|
| Monday 6 th January 2025 | 9am | Adoration and Benediction service in church – Key Stage 2 only |
| Tuesday 7 th January | AM | Guitar Lessons resume |
| Wednesday 8 th January | | |
| Year 3 and 4 PE day | | |
| Thursday 9 th January | | |
| Year 1 and 2 PE day | | |
| Friday 10 th January | 9am | Assembly |
| Year 5 and 6 PE day | All day | Year 3 trip to Cadbury's World |

I wish all of you a very happy and holy Christmas. See you again on Monday 6th January 2025

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Top Tweets From This Week - What a fabulous fun-filled last week of term!

We had a beautiful morning in Year 5 enjoying our Advent Inspire Workshop. Thank you to all the parents for attending and thank you to the pupils for leading such a wonderful reflection time. 🙏🎵🕯️

Y2 enjoyed a fascinating virtual workshop with @NAM_London 📺 We looked at artefacts which Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole might have used in their nursing during the Crimean War #nurturingnurses

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...what a magical performance! @BelgradeTheatre @pinsandneedles0



Thank you to all of our Nursery families who came to enjoy the children perform 'Marching in the Snow' today 📺🎵🕯️

Thank you to parents and children for a beautiful Advent Inspire session this morning #waiting 🙏🎵🕯️



Thank you to Key Stage 2 for leading us through a beautiful Carol Service reflecting on the True Meaning of Christmas. 🙏🎵🕯️



Y2 ended their 'Portraits' art unit by painting self-portraits in an Andy Warhol pop-art inspired style 🎨

Y3 are starting to sew their 'Christmas Stockings' in D&T. 🧵📺

A surprise visit from Santa was the perfect addition to our 'bingo and hot chocolate' end-of-term treat in Year 2 📺🍷🕯️



Beautiful singing today from pupils who attended the St Osburg's Parish bazaar 🎵🕯️

Y4 ended their 'Extreme Earth' topic in Theme, with making their own volcano's. 🌋📺



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